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The Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Science Advisory Board Notification of a
Consultation on a Congressionally Mandated
Study of Radon in Water

Dear Ms. Browner:

On November 30, December 2, December 3, and December 17, 1992, the Science Advisory Board's Radiation Advisory Committee, together with members of the Drinking Water Committee, Environmental Engineering Committee, and Indoor Air Quality Committee held a conference call consultation with staff of the Office of Water and the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air. The consultation was on EPA's outline for a multi-media radon risk assessment and on the parameters and uncertainty analysis for the assessment. The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which includes advance notice of the public meeting in the Federal Register. A response to this consultation from the Agency is not solicited.

We believe that this consultation achieved its goal by raising several important issues that EPA could consider in developing its multi-media radon risk assessment in response to the Chaffee-Lautenberg amendment. As is our customary practice, this consultation does not constitute a formal report from the SAB. However, individual members may provide comments, or the Committee may provide more guidance at a later date in a Commentary or through a formal review.

We look forward to advising the Agency in the future by consultation as well as through more formal scientific reviews.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Loehr

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